

## TILDEN TOWN BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

7:00 PM

Tilden Town Hall, 10790 100th Avenue, Chippewa Falls WI 54729

**Meeting** called to order by Gary Meinen at 7:01 pm beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance

**Roll call:** Gary Meinen, Dan Reischel, Eric Bohl, all present

**Verification** of public notices by Town Board - Front of Town Hall & Website. Dan Reischel moved to approve the minutes of the Sept 10<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup> with Gary Meinen seconding. Dan Reischel would like to make a change to the September 10<sup>th</sup> minutes to read "Mary Hartman resigned from the position of Clerk". Dan Reischel requests a change to the September 30<sup>th</sup> minutes to read "the dog ran away from Rose Goettl's house". Pending changes made, Gary Meinen made a motion to approve the September 10<sup>th</sup>, September 18<sup>th</sup>, and September 30<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, Dan Reischel seconded. Only ayes heard in the voice vote.

### Reports:

- **Treasurer's Report** – Shelly Schemenauer gave the treasurer report
- **Fire Department Report** – Kelsey Anderson gave the fire department report, Kelsey stated the fire department responded to one car fire, and one car vs deer accident. Kelsey stated the fire department has a light tower that is not used along with an old set of Jaws of Life. Kelsey asked for suggestions on the sale of both the light tower and Jaws of Life. The upcoming Fire Chiefs meeting is Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00 – 10:00 pm at the Tilden Town Hall and food and drinks will be provided by the fire department.
- **Highway Department/Shop Maintenance Report** – Dave Goettl gave the highway department report. Dave stated that the Utility Truck is not driving correctly and is "all over the road." Gary suggested contacting Paul at Chippewa County for maintenance and/or repairs. The snow plow wings will be put on in November. The 2002 International Dump truck is posted for sale on Marketplace for \$35,000 via Gary Meinen. Gary will call Damian Prince for an update on culverts. Dave Goettl is going to check on updating lights on old plow truck to the new green flashing lights and will also set up a work day(s) for training/info of new plow truck.
- **Recycling Center Report** – Al Goettl gave the report and said everything is running smoothly.
- **Constable's Dog Report** – Tim Swoboda gave the report. Rose Goettl paid a surrender fee to the Chippewa County Humane Association. Tim Swoboda stated the situation of stray dog and Rose Goettl has now been resolved. Tim stated he has had one call looking for a dog and one call looking for a cat, but no reports of loose dogs or cats.
- **Clerk's report** – Deputy Clerk Julie Geissler gave the clerk's report. There were 11 permits issued in September: 3 driveways, 6 buildings, 1 cement pad, and 1 shed addition. UE and 941 reports have been filed. Clerk's report is reconciled with the treasurer.

### Discussion and possible action:

1. **CSM approval for Todd and Debbie Schemenauer** – Gary Meinen made a motion to accept the lot combination. Eric Bohl seconded. Only ayes heard in the voice vote.
2. **Approve bartender license for Laura Arnold and Brylee Lemke** – Deputy Clerk Nicole Ruf stated that background checks on both applicants came back clear of any records. Dan Reischel made a motion to approve bar tender licenses for both applicants. Eric Bohl seconded. Only ayes heard in the voice vote.
3. **Approve utility permit for Xcel Energy** – Dan Reischel made a motion to approve the utility permit for

90<sup>th</sup> St with no fee for replacing utility poles. Gary Meinen seconded. Only ayes heard in the voice vote.

4. **Approve new hire John Shear for the position of Snow Plow Driver** – Eric Bohl made a motion to hire John Shear for the position of Snow Plow Driver. Dan Reischel seconded. Only ayes heard in the voice vote.
5. **Chippewa Humane Association contract for animal services 2026** – The Chippewa Humane Association has presented the Town of Tilden with a contract for animal services in 2026 quoting \$1.15 per capita. Public discussion was heard weighing the pros and cons of a contract with the Chippewa County Humane Association. Dan Reischel made a motion to approve the Chippewa County Humane Association contract for animal services. Gary Meinen seconded. Eric Bohl opposed in the voice vote. The motion passes with a vote of 2 -1.
6. **Use of the town hall for Chippewa County Department of Human Services**– Gary Meinen made a motion to approve the use of the Tilden Town Hall by the Department of Human Services for a quarterly meeting on August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026 with no fee. Eric Bohl seconded. Only ayes heard in the voice vote.
7. **Chippewa County POWTS Maintenance Program** – no action taken
8. **Approve Recycling Grant** – Dan Reischel made a motion to approve and submit the memo for the 2026 Recycling Grant award with Deputy Clerk Nicole Ruf signing the document. Gary Meinen seconded. Only ayes heard in the voice vote.
9. **Approve direct deposit for Northern Metal Recycling** – Gary Meinen made a motion to approve direct deposit for Northern Metal Recycling. Dan Reischel seconded. Only ayes heard in the voice vote.
10. **Bridge Improvement Plan grant** – no action taken
11. **Set dates for budget planning and special meeting of the town people** – Budget Planning Meeting has been set for Wednesday, October 22 @ 6:30pm. Special meeting of the town people has been set for Tuesday, November 18 at 7:00pm.
12. **Public Comment**
  - Shelly Schemenauer shared interest rates from both RCU and Northwestern Bank. Deputy Clerk Nicole Ruf and Treasurer Shelly Ruf will work together to devise a plan to move accounts from Northwestern to RCU in 2026.
  - Gravel – Discussion on type and quantity of gravel for use by and at the Tilden Town Hall, will be put on next month's agenda.
  - FAP Grant – Kathy Shear stated the money has been used from the FAP Grant
  - Contact information on the Town website is being updated along with a current landing page for recycling, Nicole Ruf is working on this.
  - The town currently has 3 emails for the town clerk, Nicole Ruf would like this moved to one email account and will look into multiple price and hosting options for the next meeting.
13. **Items to be placed on the upcoming agenda**
  - Appoint an Interim highway department head while Dave Hartman is unavailable
  - Sale of the 2002 international dump truck
  - Email updates
  - Gravel updates
14. **Approve the vouchers and transfer funds to pay the bills** – Gary Meinen made a motion to approve the vouchers and transfer the funds in the amount of \$81,000 to pay the bills. Dan Reischel seconded. Only ayes heard in the voice vote.

**Next Meeting Date:** The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 7:00pm.

**Adjournment:** Gary Meinen moved to adjourn and Eric Bohl seconded. Only ayes heard in the voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Nicole Ruf, Town of Tilden Deputy Clerk